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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ CONDEMNS KIDNAPPING OF U.S.

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1. PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ PUBLICLY REPUDIATED ON FEBRUARY 29 IN MERIDA THE FEBRUARY 27 KIDNAPPING OF U.S. INDUSTRIALIST WILLIAM NIEHOUS. PEREZ SAID HIS REACTION TO THE KIDNAPPING WAS "THE SAME AS THAT OF ALL VENEZUELAN WHO REPUDIATE AND CONDEMN SUCH ATTACKS AGAINST ALL OF VENEZUELAN SOCIETY." RECALLING HIS DECEMBER 1975 APPEAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AGAINST TERRORISM (CARACAS 13289), PEREZ NOTED GROUPS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD HAVE ASSUMED FOR THEMSELVES THE RIGHT "TO ACT BEYOND NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW AND EVEN BEYOND THE MOST ELEMENTARY MORAL STANDARDS OF HUMAN SOCIETY." PEREZ SAID THE NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING, THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE OPEC HEADQUARTERS IN VIENNA, AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTS WERE CARRIED OUT BY PERSONS WHO "PRETEND TO CLOAK THEMSELVES IN IDEOLOGICAL MOTIVATIONS, BUT THEY ARE NOTHING MORE THAN COMMON CRIMINALS."

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2. PRESIDENT PEREZ EXPRESSED HIS "IRREVOCABLE DECISION TO CONFRONT SUCH CRIMINAL ACTS WITH UNLIMITED DETERMINATION." HE SAID HE REGRETTED THE "PAIN OF FAMILIES AND HUMAN BEINGS OF WHATEVER NATIONALITY WHO ARE VICTIMS OF THESE CRIMINALS." PEREZ ALSO ASSURED THE VENEZUELAN PUBLIC THAT THE GOV WILL NOT LOSE CONTROL OF ITSELF AND WILL CONTINUE ACTING "WITHIN THE STRICTEST ATTENTION TO LEGAL NORMS, WITH RESPECT TO DIGNITY AND LIBERTY THAT CHARACTERIZE OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM."  
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